

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

SAMUEL RENE LOPEZ,

Plaintiff(s),

V.

TERESSE IAELA-TOKUGAWA, et al.,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:24-cv-00876-NJK

ORDER

[Docket No. 8]

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's motion to decline magistrate judges and for assignment to a district judge. Docket No. 8.¹ The time for Plaintiff to decline magistrate judge assignment expired long ago.² Hence, it appears that Plaintiff is instead seeking to withdraw his consent. “If a party challenges the consent process or moves to withdraw consent, the case will be randomly assigned to a District Judge to resolve the issue of consent.” Gen. Order 2023-11 at 4. Accordingly, the Clerk’s Office is **INSTRUCTED** to randomly assign a District Judge to this case to resolve the issue of consent.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 22, 2024

~~Nancy J. Koppe
United States Magistrate Judge~~

¹ The motion also seeks relief from the Early Neutral Evaluation program, which is a request directed to the evaluating judge. *See Local Rule 16-6(c).* If Plaintiff continues to seek such relief, he must file a separate motion. *See Local Rule IC 2-2(b).*

² The deadline to decline consent is 21 days after a party's first appearance. See Docket Nos. 2-3. Plaintiff first appeared on May 9, 2024. See, e.g., Docket No. 4. Although Plaintiff contends that he was not provided the consent documentation in the first instance due to a Clerk's Office error, see Docket No. 8 at 2, he also makes clear that he was provided that information on May 21, 2024, see id. Hence, Plaintiff has long had notice of the magistrate judge referral and of the need to promptly decline such consent, but he did not do so in prompt fashion.